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SUBJECT: Request to Extend the Track 2 Investigation Summary Report Submittal Date for the Experimental Breeder Reactor (EBR)-II Leach Pit, Operable Unit (OU) 9-02 at the Idaho National Engineering Laboratory (INEL) - AM/ERWM-RPO-279-92

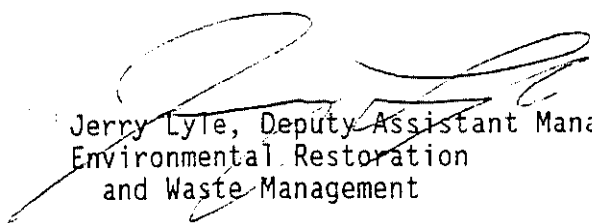
Dear Mr. Pierre and Mr. Nygard:

DOE-ID is requesting an extension of the Track 2 Investigation Summary Report Submittal Date for the EBR-II Leach Pit from March 31, 1993 to August 31, 1993. It is DOE-AAO's intention to clean the radioactively contaminated sludge from the EBR-II Leach Pit in order to eliminate the source of any future migration of contaminants from the Pit. However, consistently warm weather is essential for the cleaning process and this type of condition will probably not occur until early May. Therefore, an extension is required in order to accomplish this and after completion of the cleanup the subject Summary Report will be submitted no later than August 31, 1993.

This extension, if approved, would not impact any other milestone or deadline in the Federal Facilities Agreement/Consent Order Action Plan. After the cleanup has been completed, DOE-ID anticipates that OU 9-02 will qualify for a No Further Action Determination.

If you have any questions, please call me at (208) 526-1148 or Greg Bass at (208) 533-7184.

Sincerely,


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